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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Robert Fischer, et al.

Application No.: 09/812,283

Filed: March 19, 2001

For: NUCLEIC ACIDS THAT  
CONTROL SEED AND FRUIT  
DEVELOPMENT IN PLANTS

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 2808

Examiner: Ashwin D. Mehta

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
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In response to the Final Office Action mailed March 8, 2004 on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks. A petition for an extension of time for response for three months, from March 30, 2004 through June 30, 2004, accompanies this Amendment.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.